

Northfield Recreation Committee
Meeting with School and Town about Falls Field and Memorial Park
March 5, 2020, 9:00 AM, Municipal Building

Present: Jeff Schulz, Town Manager; Bruce Wright, Recreation Committee/Coach; Sally Davidson, Recreation Committee Chairman; TJ Powers, Athletic Director NMHS; Bill Kirby, Head of Maintenance NMHS; Chris Locarno, Director of Finance & Facilities CVSU; Tyler Demas, Coach Coordinator for Little League; Dan Morris, Little League President, Tara Sala, Little League Vice-President; Bethany Drum, Public

We started the meeting with Dan Morris discussing the terrible shape the Falls Fields are in. To the point that out of town teams do not want to come to Northfield Falls to play because the fields are in such terrible shape. There is dirt and rocks and debris that need to be removed from the ball fields themselves. Little League has applied for three separate grants in hopes to get somewhere between \$5,000.00-\$10,000.00 towards the repair of the fields. Both the Little League Field and the Softball Field need to be redone. Tyler said he has gotten prices on some of the materials that will be needed for the fields. 3" of green clay or base material is 28 yards at \$700.00; 3" top soil for the infield area is 19 yards at \$570.00; 3,000 ' of sod at \$1200.00; for the top coat 1"-1 ½" of red clay will be needed at \$2000.00; to rent a compactor for a day it will cost \$1200.00 for one day; trucking is \$1500.00 (2 trucks – 10 hours each \$75.00 per hour. The grand total is \$7170.00. Some of these items will be donated, such as two out of town pits will donate some of the materials and \$1500.00 worth of trucking will be donated. After the donated items the total cost is brought down to around \$4000.00. The desire is to have both fields done before May. Jeff called Trent while we were discussing this, and Trent said he could get in the Softball field area as soon as March if the weather permitted. The trees have been cut and removed from the area, so it is a matter of removing the stumps and ditching the area and filling in the low spot in the corner. Then the work on the fields can begin. Little League would like to have an opening day once the fields are complete. Little League has decided to take back the "Banner" fund raiser they gave to the Recreation Committee last year because they didn't have time to do it. Sally told Bill and TJ the Recreation Committee could not fund the second scoreboard without this fund raiser and Little League said they thought they would be able to come up with the funding for the scoreboard or at least help with the funding.

Sally and Dan will get together on the list of potential purchasers of banners and work together on this fund raiser so two scoreboards (one for Memorial Park and one for Falls Field) can get purchased. Chris said the school uses the fields and the school could help financially for the repairs of the fields. Little League agreed to redo the Little League Field and Chris agreed the school would take care of the Softball Field. Each costing about \$4000.00 in total to complete.

Sally asked Bill about mowing the fields and Bill agreed the school would mow the fields, the same as they did last year. Bruce suggested that a contractor should be hired to tend to the fields. Bill wants the school to support the ball fields, just like they support other sports such as basketball and soccer.

Sally brought up the dugout roof replacement at Memorial Park. One of the dugout roofs has a hole in it and it needs to get replaced this year, it is just getting worse. Tyler Demas was one of the four estimates that were received to replace all four of the dugout roofs. Sally asked Tyler if he would hold firm to the price that he gave us on his estimate which was last year, and he said he would. Chris said the school would pay for replacing two of the roofs and Jeff said the town would pay for the other two. Tyler said he could do the roofs after July and meanwhile he would cover the hole in the roof to keep things dry. Sally asked Tyler if he would guarantee replacement of the roofs in the year 2020, he said he could. Tyler was hired to replace all 4 of the roofs on the dugouts for the cost he submitted on his estimate. The roofs will be a green metal to match the two metal roofs on the pavilion and bathroom, the trim will be the maroon red color to match the trim color already being used and Tyler will do all the clean-up and get rid of all the debris.

Next meeting will be April 16th at 9:00 AM in the Municipal Building

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sally A. Davidson, Recreation Committee Chairman for your approval.